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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mohammed Islam
Serial No.: 10/005/472
Filing Date: November 16, 2001
Title: MULTI-STAGE OPTICAL AMPLIFIER AND BROADBAND
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this provisional utility continuation patent application entitled "Multi-Stage Optical Amplifier and Broadband Communication System" by Mohammed Islam, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of all pending claims of the present Application is shown below whether or not an amendment has been made. Appendix A attached hereto contains a marked-up version of any amended claims, showing the amendments to those claims. Please amend the claims as follows.